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1. Maurice Thorez, head of the French Communist Party (FCP), is due to return from Moscow to France on 7 March 1951. Thorez will return empowered to reorganize the FCP. According to source, the FCP leader will be accompanied by two Soviet officials:
 - a. Zhukov (fnu), Director of European Affairs for the Russian Politburo;
 - b. Tetyev (fnu), of the Soviet Surete Generale (sic)*.
2. Source considers it almost certain that the French Foreign Office, on the advice of the Ministry of the Interior, will refuse the two Soviets admission to France. Furthermore, it is possible Thorez also will be denied permission to reenter France.

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* Comment. Nothing further is known of either Zhukov or Tetyev. There have been no previous reports of a Soviet Surete Generale.

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